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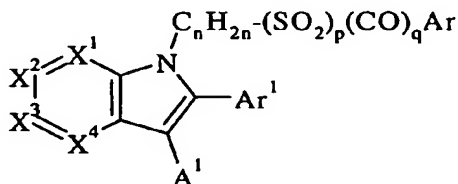
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(I)

(57) Abstract: The present invention relates to indoles and azaindoles of formula (I): wherein X¹, X², X³, X⁴, A¹, Ar¹, Ar, n, p and q are as defined herein and pharmaceutically acceptable salts thereof, useful in the prevention and treatment of hepatitis C virus infections.